



April 16, 2003

Ms. Lizana Pierce
U.S. Department of Energy
Golden Field Office
1617 Cole Boulevard
Golden, Colorado 80401-3395

Re: DOE Solicitation No. DE-PS36-03G09300
Renewable Energy Development on Tribal Lands

Dear Ms. Pierce:

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Further, we believe that Wind Energy Demonstration Projects offer important benefits, including sustainability, education, collaboration among community stakeholders, job creation, and capacity-building. We are confident that the Foundation's involvement in Projects like these will be most helpful.

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Please do not hesitate to call me should you have any questions.

Sincerely yours,

L. Benjamin Starrett
Executive Director

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Ms. Joan Prentice Andrews
President
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115 East Putnam Avenue
Greenwich, CT 06830

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